GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3803
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RETRENCHMENT OF U.R.C. WORKERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the civilian workers working in the unit run canteens managed by an infantary division and 35 infantary brigade were retrenched from service without any prior notice;

(b) whether such workers in these units had challenged the orders of their removal from service in the Central Administrative Tribunal (Main Branch), New Delhi and Mumbai and CAT had repealed these orders and issued orders for their reinstatement in service;

(c) whether these decisions of CAT were not implemented and contempt of court petition against the concerned Defence Officers has been filed in the CAT;

(d) if so, the reasons for not implementing the decision of CAT; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to protect the interests of the workers of these unit run canteens?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No employee of the Unit Run Canteen of 35 Infantry Brigade have been retrenched.However, services of seven employees of the Pine Canteen, Meerut under Head Quarters 9 Infantry Division have been terminated by the appointing authority.

(b) The terminated employees of Pine Canteen challenged the termination of their services in the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Delhi and the CAT stayed the termination order. There is no case in this regard before CAT, Mumbai.

(c) & (d): The decision of CAT, Delhi has been implemented and the terminated employees have been reinstated. The re-instated employees however reported for duty for only one day and later failed to report for work. In the meantime, a Contempt Petition was filed in CAT, Delhi by these employees of Pine Canteen, Meerut.The CAT Delhi on 29th July 2002 has disposed off the contempt petition with directions that the employees should report for duty on 31st July 2002 which has been complied with.

(e) In order to protect the interests of the employees of Unit Run Canteens, Government have issued detailed `Terms and Conditions of Service of Unit Run Canteen Employees` on 14th September 2001.